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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9, 11 and 15 stand rejected. Claims 13 and 14 are withdrawn. Claims 5-8, 10 and 12 are allowable. Claim 4 is objected to.

Claims 4 and 15 are cancelled. Claims 1, 9 and 11 are amended. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed, and no new matter is added.

Claim 4 is objected to but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 4 depends from claim 1. Rather than amend claim 4, the limitation of claim 4 is incorporated into claim 1 and claim 4 is cancelled. Applicant respectively submits that the amendment addresses the objection, and that claim 1, as amended, is allowable.

Claims 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant traverses the rejection to the extent that it can be maintained.

Claim 9 is amended to recite a lubricant film formed from the lubricant composition of claim 1. Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 9. Claim 9 now clearly claims an article (lubricating film), and claim 11 further characterizes the forming of the film. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Hirikirigawa (JP 2002-235016). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Hirikirigawa. Applicant traverses the rejection to the extent that it can be maintained.

Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection, and reserves the right to present these or similar claims in the future. Claim 1 which now recites an acrylsilicone resin. Claim 2 depends from claim 1. Claims 9 and 11 recite a lubricating film formed from the composition of claim 1. The composition of claim 1 is allowable for reasons stated above and as acknowledge in the Office Action of August 16, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 9 and 11 are allowable over JP '016, and request the rejection to be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Hirikigawa (JP 2002-0114548). Applicant traverses the rejection to the extent that it can be maintained. Claim 15 is cancelled.

Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection, and reserves the right to present these or similar claims in the future. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 that now recites an acrylsilicone resin. Claims 9 and 11 recite a lubricating film formed from the composition of claim 1. The composition of claim 1 is allowable for reasons stated above and as acknowledge in the Office Action of August 16, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 9 and 11 are allowable over JP '548, and request the rejection to be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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